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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Transmittal Letter entering the above-identified PCT application into its national phase for the United States. Prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

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4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the laminations are assembled to form a self-supporting structure.

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1,